## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 97-145

IN RE: Request of Equity Pay Telephone Co., Inc., Route 1, Box 322, Egypt Community, Springfield, GA 31329 for Waiver of COCOT Guidelines.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Equity Pay Telephone Co., Inc. (Equity or the Company) for a waiver of guidelines to allow for the blocking of incoming calls at pay telephones located at Boogie's Grill in Columbia, South Carolina. The telephone numbers involved are (803) 252-9232 and (803) 252-9126. According to the Company, the phones are being used for illegal activity, and the people in the community can't use the telephones because the phones are tied up for these activities. A letter supporting the request is on file from the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

We have examined this matter, and agree that incoming calls should be blocked to these two numbers. We therefore grant the request for the waiver of guidelines accordingly.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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